

Local housing association partners with energy companies to tackle climate change

A local housing association has teamed up with one of the country's leading energy suppliers, a leading green support services company and the Government's national affordable homes agency to reduce carbon emissions across its housing stock by sending out energy efficient light bulbs to its households.

Acis Group joins the Housing Corporation, EDF Energy and EAGA, to distribute the light bulbs, donated by EDF Energy, and issues to homes that might be vulnerable to fuel poverty.

Each household will receive four light bulbs with a life span ten times longer than regular bulbs and an energy usage 80% less than a standard one. In total the scheme aims to save 1.14 million tonnes of CO2 over a ten year period, which would equate to over 230,000 Olympic-size swimming pools.

Acis Group is one of the first Housing Associations to take part in the scheme and speaking about the partnership, Nev Thompson, Business and Development Director from Acis Group said: "Making our homes more energy efficient and supporting vulnerable people in doing this is one of our key priorities.

We are delighted to be joining up with the Housing Corporation, EDF Energy and EAGA in 'greening' our housing stock and, at the time of rising energy prices, firmly believe this will help our households save money whilst at the same time meeting our own commitments of making housing more environmentally sustainable."